Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

4900 Kinsey Drive, Tyler, Texas

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Church Mission

"Bringing Christ to the people... ...the people to Christ" January 5, 2020 Worship Service 10:00 A.M.

Church Slogan

Living, Loving, Leading, and Laughing; that's Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Our Ministers

The people

Our Pastor

Rev. Dr. Mark Braaten

Parish Administrator

Debbie Miller

Financial Administrator

Carol Lattier

Organist & Keyboardist

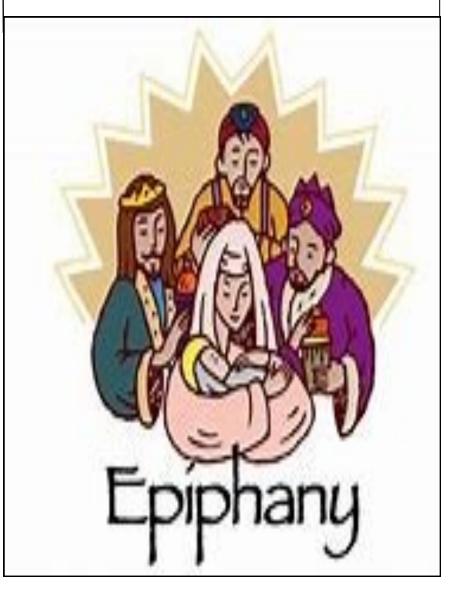
Jaeyong Lee

Council President

Bill Videtto

Member Goals

As disciples of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we strive to grow in faith through daily prayer and bible reading, attending worship services, tithing, and serving others.





To Our Guests and Visitors

Thank you for joining with us! We're glad you are here.

- * To find our nursery go to the Sunday School wing. The Nursery is down this hall-way.
- * We have activity bags for youngsters to use during worship. The bags include soft toys and coloring books. Please help yourself to a bag. Be sure to return it after worship.
- * We practice open communion. If you are baptized and desire to share in the body and blood of our Lord, please join us.
- * We begin communing children in the 5^{th} grade. We offer a communion class to prepare 5^{th} graders to receive this sacrament.
- * If you would prefer grape juice instead of wine for communion, there is grape juice in the center of the tray of glasses.
- * Following our worship service there is coffee and tea on the table in our café area. Please stay for some fellowship.
 - * Let us know how we can be of assistance to you!

WORSHIP SERVERS

Lay Coordinator: Ryan Gibbs

Ushers: Ryan Gibbs and Milo Miles

Acolyte: Abby Gibbs Reader: Travis Snyder

Communion Assistants: Susan Buntz, Dee Miles and Audrey Cameron

Projectionist: Toby Fite

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS JANUARY 5, 2020 ~ WELCOME

It is a pleasure to worship together.

If you are a newcomer, if you have a prayer request, or both, please fill out the yellow pew card located on the back of a pew.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

OPENING HYMN ~ WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE WOV 646, vs. 1&2

We three kings of Orient are; Bearing gifts we traverse afar, Field and fountain, moor and mountain, Following yonder star.

Oh, star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright; West-ward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light! Born a king on Bethlehem's plain, Gold I bring to crown him again; King forever, ceasing never, Over us all to reign.

Oh, star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright; West-ward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light!

CONFESSION OF SIN

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. In the name of Jesus Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE ~ SUNG

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE ~ THIS IS THE FEAST

P. 81, LBW

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.

Alleluia, Alleluia,

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son, we might be made to abound in good works. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please Sit

FIRST READING: I KINGS 3:4-15

⁴The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. ⁷And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?" ¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. ¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. ¹⁴And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days." ¹⁵And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:97-104

⁹⁷Oh, how I | love your law!* all the day long it is | in my mind.

⁹⁸Your commandment has made me wiser | than my enemies,* and it is | always with me.

⁹⁹I have more understanding than | all my teachers,* for your decrees | are my study.

100 am wiser | than the elders,*

because I observe | your commandments.

¹⁰¹I restrain my feet from every | evil way,* that I may | keep your word.

¹⁰²I do not shrink | from your judgments,* because you your- | self have taught me.

¹⁰³How sweet are your words | to my taste!* they are sweeter than honey | to my mouth.

¹⁰⁴Through your commandments I gain | understanding;* therefore I hate every | lying way.

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be

to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SONG ~ IF YOU'RE HAPPY AND YOU KNOW IT

If you're happy and you know it
Clap your hands [clap, clap]
If you're happy and you know it
Clap your hands [clap, clap]
If you're happy and you know it
Then your life will surely show it
If you're happy and you know it
Clap your hands [clap, clap]

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Please Stand

GOSPEL VERSE ~ ALLELUIA, LORD

P. 83, LBW
Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL ~ MATTHEW 2:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 2nd chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

<u>Please Sit</u>

SERMON ~ REV. MARK BRAATEN

<u>Please Stand</u>

Hymn Of The Day ~ Songs of Thankfulness and Praise LBW 90

Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise; Manifested by the star To the sages from afar. Branch of royal David's stem In thy birth at Bethlehem. Anthems be to thee addressed God in flesh made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
And at Cana wedding guest
In thy God-head manifest.
Manifest in pow'r divine,
Changing water into wine.
Anthems be to thee addressed
God in flesh made manifest.

Manifest in making whole
Palsied limbs and fainting soul;
Manifest in valiant fight,
Quelling all the devil's might.
Manifest in gracious will.
Ever bringing good from ill:
Anthems be to thee addressed
God in flesh made manifest.

Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, Present in thy holy Word; Grace to imitate thee now And be pure, as pure art thou. That we might become like thee At thy great epiphany. And my praise ever blest God in flesh made manifest.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Congregation sings refrain of "Lord, listen to your children praying." WOV 775

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Pastor Mark prays while Jaeyong plays refrain in background Congregation repeats refrain

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PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Please Sit

OFFERING

Please Stand

OFFERTORY ~ THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P. 88, LBW

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . (Here the minister continues with the preface appropriate to the day or session, concluding:)

We praise your name and join their unending praise:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord,

Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

P: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, 'Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.'

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.'

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

P: Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of His resurrection, we await His coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of His resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

<u>Please Sit</u>

DISTRIBUTION

For those who prefer, the center circle of glasses contain grape juice.

Please return your cup in the basket on the aisle.

LAMB OF GOD ~ P. 92, LBW

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONG #1 ~ SURELY THE PRESENCE/CHRIST BESIDE ME

Surely the presence of the Lord

Is in this place;

I can feel His mighty power

And His grace.

I can hear the brush of angels' wings,

I see glory on each face;

Surely the presence of the Lord

Is in this place.

Repeat verse

Christ beside me.

Christ before me,

Christ behind me King of my heart;

Christ within me,

Christ below me,

Christ above me

Never to part;

Surely the presence of the Lord

Is in this place;

I can feel His mighty power

And His grace.

I can hear the brush of angels' wings,

I see glory on each face;

Surely the presence of the Lord

Is in this place.

COMMUNION SONG #2 ~ JESUS MESSIAH

He became sin, who knew no sin,

That we might become His righteousness.

He humbled Himself and carried the

cross;

Love so amazing, love so amazing!

His body the bread, His blood the wine, Broken and poured out all for love, The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn:

Love so amazing, love so amazing!

Chorus:

Jesus Messiah, Name above all names!

Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel,

The Rescue for sinners,

The Ransom from heaven,

Jesus Messiah, Lord of all!

Bridge:

All our hope is in You.

All our hope is in You.

All the glory to You, God,

The Light of the world.

Chorus

Chorus

COMMUNION SONG #3 ~ WE ARE CALLED

Come, live in the light,
Shine with joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called
To be light for the kingdom,
To live in the freedom
Of the city of God.

Chorus:

We are called to act with justice; We are called to love tenderly. We are called to serve one another, To walk humbly with God.

Come, open your heart! Show your mercy to All those in fear!
We are called
To be hope for the hopeless,
So hatred and violence
Will be no more.

Chorus

Sing, sing a new song!
Sing of that great day
When all will be one
God will reign,
And we'll walk with each other
As sisters and brothers
United in love.
Chorus

Please Stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE ~ "GLORY TO GOD"

(Sung to the tune of "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee")

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.

Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth;

We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise;

Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

- P: Let us pray. We give you thanks almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CLOSING SONG ~ WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE

WOV 646, vs. 3-5

Frankincense to offer have I; Incense owns a deity nigh; Prayer and praising, gladly raising, Worshipping God, most High. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume Breathes a life of gathering gloom; Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, Sealed in the stone cold tomb.

Chorus:

Oh, star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright; West-ward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light! Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice; Heav'n sings alleluia; Alleluia the earth replies.

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

DR. JAEYONG LEE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You!

Thank you to all who helped with our Advent and Christmas activities. It was a busy month, but a wonderful month. We had incredible participation. Thank you to all!

Thank you from Braatens

Thank you for the cards and gifts and remembrances over the Holiday season. A special thank you for your most gracious love offering! We very much appreciate your thoughtfulness!

Sunday School Resumes

Sunday School classes for all ages resume today.

Our Adult Class is taking a look at the theory of the Rapture today. Next Sunday the class will resume its focus on the book of Revelation. We will begin continue with Chapter 20.

Congregational Meeting

Our annual meeting of the congregation will be on Sunday, January 26 at 11:15 a.m. The meeting will be followed by a congregational potluck dinner. 2019 has been an incredible year of ministry for OSLC; we want our congregational meeting to be a time of celebrating and thanking God for all He is doing!

Adult Forums on Jan. 12 and 19

Our church council is going to host adult forums on Sunday, Jan. 12 and 19 immediately after worship. The council will share with the congregation the proposed budget for 2020 and all the items on the agenda for the annual meeting. We've learned in past years that it is most important to have the congregation informed of all of this before the annual meeting. This gives people a chance to pray and reflect ahead of the meeting. Please come to these forums and share your input and thoughts.

Items for Annual Meeting - Submitted 2 Weeks in Advance

Just a reminder; we changed our bylaws a few years ago to say that all items to be discussed at the annual meeting need to be submitted to the congregational president at least 2 weeks before the meeting. This allows adequate time for all items on the agenda to be presented to the congregation before the meeting. If you have any proposals or ideas for the annual meeting, please do submit them to Bill Videtto.

High School Retreat at Lutherhill

High School youth, we are going to Lutherhill for a retreat again in 2020. The annual High School retreat will be Feb. 7 - 9. We will leave Friday evening and return late Sunday afternoon. This is a great time of worship, small groups, ultimate frisbee, and all sorts of fun. The cost for the gathering is going to be \$80. Please register with Courtney or Bailey if you plan to attend.

Congregation-Wide Garage Sale this Spring – Stat Planning Now

We are planning to do another congregation-wide garage sale this spring, most likely in late February or early March. We are sharing this news with you early so you can start setting aside items to donate for the sale. Items you are getting rid of after the holidays, items you find in your winter cleaning, please donate them to the church and we will again have a huge garage sale. These have been most successful and fun in the past.

All proceeds from the sale will be used for our fund which provides financial support for our senior members and other members in need. Come share in the garage sale and also help to minister to our members!

Primetimers

Primetimers had a fun Christmas meeting in December with a beautiful soloist, a very delicious luncheon, an exciting gift exchange and fantastic attendance.

The January meeting will be January 9th, 2020 at 12 noon at Our Saviours Lutheran Church. The group will have a chili cook-off. All entries will be numbered and attendees will vote on the best chili. Volunteers have offered to bring salads, crackers, chopped onions, cheese, and corn chips. Volunteers are needed to bring desserts.

The program will be a speaker from Tyler Area Senior Citizens Association(TASCA) telling of all the activities available at the center.

Please RSVP to Mary Ferguson at mkvjhf@aol.com or 903-565-6607 by January 6th to let her know if you are planning to attend and in addition whether you are planning to enter the contest. These numbers are important as they will determine how much chili each contestant should bring.

Mark your calendars and practice making your favorite chili. Hosts to help set up for the meeting are Marlen Curry, Joyce and Curt Peterson, and Joseph Byers. Bring friends for some fantastic Christian fellowship. There is nothing to obligate you or no one to intimidate you, just great Christian friends to welcome you. Remember we are the "most caring Primetimers in the world".

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR (JANUARY 5—JANUARY 12, 2020)

THIS WEEK'S OFFICE HOURS: MON. 11:30—2:00, TUES. & WED. 10:00—2:00

IF YOU HAVE A NEED, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE @ 903-561-1865

SUNDAY—Jan. 5, 2020		THURSDAY	
Sunday School	9:00 a.m.	Primetimers	12:00 p.m.
Adult Bible Study	9:00 a.m.	ACA Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Choir Practice	9:15 a.m.	CODA	6:00 p.m.
Worship Service	10:00 a.m.	Council Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Youth	11:15 a.m.	FRIDAY	
		No Activities Scheduled	
MONDAY		SATURDAY	
MONDAY No Activities Scheduled		No Activities Scheduled	
TUESDAY		SUNDAY—Jan. 12, 2020	
Quilters	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
		Adult Bible Study	9:00 a.m.
		Choir Practice	9:15 a.m.
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>		Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
No Activities Scheduled		Youth	11:15 a.m.
		Adult Forum	11:15 a.m.

STEWARDSHIP		DECEMBER 29, 2019 WORSHIP	
Monthly Budget Prior December Offerings Offerings during the week Offerings on Sunday, Dec. 29	\$ 23,000 \$ 20,370 5,720 5,805	Worship Service Year to Date Average	100 124
Cumulative December Offerings Year to Date Offerings	<u>\$ 31,895</u> <u>\$ 276,421</u>		